

newsline extra

A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Trustee workshop focuses on legal issues

Space is still available for the May 8 trustee workshop, "Library Boards 204—Libraries and the Law." Kent Brown, consulting attorney for the Missouri Public Library Directors organization, will present the workshop by videoconference to six libraries across the state.

Library Boards 204 is the second in a series of four workshops designed to help library board members become "master" trustees. The session will focus on the state, federal, and local laws that affect public libraries in Missouri. Trustees will learn how to conduct board meetings and keep minutes according to Missouri state law, follow Missouri requirements on the use of public funds, and conduct the general business of the library according to the various laws and ordinances.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Board members are welcome to attend the workshop at any of the six locations:

- Cass County Public Library, 400 East Mechanic, Harrisonville
- Columbia Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Columbia
- H.E. Sever Memorial Library, 207 West Chestnut, Kahoka
- The Library Center, 4653 South Campbell, Springfield
- Mississippi County Public Library, 105 East Marshall, Charleston
- West Plains Public Library, 750 West Broadway Street, West Plains

To register, contact Holly Dentner, Missouri State Library, 1-800-325-0131, ext. 8, or e-mail holly.dentner@sos.mo.gov with your name, library, address, and workshop location. Onsite registration will also be accepted.

The next workshop in the series, covering library financial issues, is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2004. Registration details for that workshop will be in the mail soon. The last session is scheduled for September 25, 2004.

State library consultant retires

Patrice Vale, continuing education consultant with the Missouri State Library, will retire from the library effective May 1, 2004. Vale has been with the library for just over three years, coordinating summer and winter institute sessions and various training for library personnel across the state. She also served as project leader for the Gates Library Foundation Training Grant that provided technology training across the state in 2003 and 2004.

The State Library is currently recruiting for a new continuing education consultant, and a complete job description can be found at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/jobs.asp>.

MOREnet offers NetSmartz workshop training

MOREnet staff has developed a four-hour training session to help library personnel implement the NetSmartz Workshop® and resources into their schools and libraries. NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, activity-based program to help youth ages five through 17 learn how to stay safer on the Internet. NetSmartz was developed and supported by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children®.

NetSmartz provided MOREnet with a downloadable version of the interactive computer activities in March, available at <http://www.netsmartz.org/education/mo>. The MOREnet training sessions will focus on the need for an Internet safety program, background information about the development of NetSmartz, and ideas for using NetSmartz. The class will be offered in Columbia in May and June, but may be offered in the future on a regional basis. The training schedule can be found at <http://www.more.net/training/schedule.html>.

Support literacy with free ice cream

For the fifth consecutive year, Baskin-Robbins will offer a free scoop of ice cream to everyone and make a donation to provide new books to children in need. “Free Scoop Night” is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at participating locations.

In celebration of Free Scoop Night, Baskin-Robbins will donate to First Book, a national nonprofit organization that provides children from low-income families with their first new books. In neighborhoods across the country, First Book Local Advisory Boards unite leaders from all sectors of the community to provide books to children in literacy programs, after-school programs, and other community-based efforts reaching children living at or below the poverty line. To learn more about First Book, visit <http://www.firstbook.org/>

Quotable facts about America’s libraries available in Spanish

The American Library Association’s popular wallet-sized brochure, *Quotable Facts About America’s Libraries*, is now available for the first time in Spanish. This version was developed in response to the increasing need to have materials available for the growing Spanish-speaking populations that libraries serve.

Quotable Facts are available in quantities of 100 for \$25, plus shipping and handling, by contacting the ALA Public Information Office. They are also available for free in PDF format from the ALA Web site, <http://www.ala.org/>. Click on “Issues and Advocacy” from the ALA homepage, then click on “Advocacy Publications” under “Resources.”

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